

## BOOKS RECEIVED

JOHNSON, FREDERIC S. 1995. *Wild Trees of Idaho*. (ISBN 0-89301-145-2, pbk.). University of Idaho Press, Moscow, ID 83844-1107, U.S.A. \$14.95. xlv + 212 pp.

MICHAEL KUHN. 1998. *A Guide to the Trees of Utah and the Intermountain West*. (ISBN 0-87421-244-8, pbk.). Utah State University Press, Logan, UT 84322-7800, U.S.A. \$14.95. x + 342 pp.

Here are two more tree books for your library. The Idaho volume (8" × 10") treats 88 species plus 19 shrub species not known to reach tree size in Idaho. It has 33 pages of introductory text, including 10 pages of description of the vegetation of the state and a "chronology of Idaho vegetation history" (Triassic to present), useful additions. The "Picture keys to tree leaves" leads to the usual groups of species (e.g., broadleaf trees with alternate, simple leaves), each with a list of common names. (There are no generic keys.) Thus, if the plant in hand has simple, alternate leaves, you are lead to 19 common names. Then you turn to the main part of the book and begin checking these 19 until you find a match for your specimen. Each species is illustrated with black-and-white photocopies of leafy twigs or with drawings from elsewhere. Additionally, 80 color photos—some as small as a square inch—are grouped onto eight full-page plates. Range is shown on maps of northwestern U.S. The book has a glossary and indexes to common names and to scientific names.

Overlapping the Idaho book in the southern third of that state, the Utah volume (4.5" × 8") describes all native and most introduced species, 219 in all. The descriptions of morphology are well made; notes on habitat, uses, and cultivation are given. The black-and-white illustrations are from various sources. Eight plates of color photos show 12 species, half of them introduced. The introductory material considers nativity, common vs. scientific names, tree parts, and tree morphology. A 26-page "selection guide" summarizes data that should be useful for people—both in Utah and in surrounding states—looking for a tree species to plant in their front yard. The key to trees works well. The book closes with a glossary and an index to scientific and common names.